

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), F. Perrotti, E. Mantzaris (Chair), P. Michalak (staff), K. McNamara (staff), J. Marchon (staff), E. Griffin, A. Hoyt, C. Morrell

ABSENT: H. Spottiswoode, S. Riffle

I. Call to Order: Chair E. Mantzaris called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

II. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the **11/18/08** meeting were reviewed. They were accepted with corrections that will be noted, including spelling and consistent font size. K. Grunwald and P. Michalak will review minutes before they are posted as "draft."

III. Reports

Director's Report – K. Grunwald distributed copies of his report (see attached). He noted that he is in the process of working on the FY 10 budget. There was discussion about potential cuts, and questions about other sources of revenue to finance Mansfield Challenge. K. Grunwald and P. Michalak will keep the Advisory Board informed regarding the status of the budget process.

Coordinator's Report – P. Michalak distributed copies of her report. She pointed out that 4-5 professional volunteers are being used to support the staff of the YSB. Last week more than 150 individuals received assistance from YSB in this building alone.

IV. Old Business

Challenge: A question was raised about keeping this on the agenda. Members realize that future funding of this program may be in question. The Committee will be kept informed of any changes.

V. New Business

iParentNetwork: Questions were raised about liability issues in terms of offering advice through this website, along with other concerns as to whether or not this is a viable intervention. The Advisory Board resolved that they will not participate on this website as an Advisory Committee. YSB will review participation as a separate issue.

Budget: previously discussed.

Other: A. Hoyt announced that she will be doing a presentation on 12/11 at 2:30 in the E.O. Smith Library on her experience around the loss of her brother. All are invited to attend.

Officer Jerry Marchon was recognized in anticipation of his retirement for his many years of valuable service to this Advisory Board and to the youth of Mansfield. The hope is that he will be able to continue to be involved with this Board.

VI. Other

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM. The next meeting will be on Jan. 13 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald